

English 4: Florida College Prep provides a fourth-year English curriculum focusing on developing the mastery of skills identified as critical to postsecondary readiness in reading and writing. This full-year course aligns to Florida's Postsecondary Readiness Competencies in reading and writing and targets students required to complete additional instruction based on their performance on the Postsecondary Education Readiness Test (PERT). Course topics include vocabulary acquisition and use; use of academic and domain-specific words; reading for key ideas and details; reading non-fiction; persuasive, informative and narrative writing; and research.

Robust scaffolding in the form of process guides and graphic organizers helps reluctant writers to internalize strategies and develop composition skills. Select activities target text-handling skills and promote improved performance on commonly assessed literary analysis and response standards. Study sheets support engagement with direct instruction and develop note-taking and study skills.

This course is built to Florida Postsecondary Readiness Competencies.

Length: Two Semesters

UNIT 1: VOCABULARY: LEARNING AND USING NEW WORDS

LESSON 1: INTRODUCTION TO VOCABULARY BUILDING

Study: Building Vocabulary: Value of Vocabulary

Learn about the importance of building vocabulary. Explore some general vocabulary-building skills.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Quiz: Assess Your Understanding

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

LESSON 2: INTRODUCTION TO CONTEXT CLUES AND WORD SKIPPING

Study: Vocabulary Building: Context Clues and Word Skipping

Learn how to use the context of a word to derive its meaning and how to skip words effectively as you read.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Quiz: Assess Your Understanding

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

LESSON 3: MORE USING CONTEXT

Study: More Using Context

Review and learn more about context clues through an interactive activity.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins

Quiz: Assess Your Understanding

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

LESSON 4: CONNOTATION

Study: Connotation

Learn to determine a word's connotation and its relationship to other similar words. Put words with similar meaning in order by intensity.

Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Test Your Understanding

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 10 points

LESSON 5: IDIOMS AND OTHER FIGURATIVE LANGUAGE**Study: Idioms and Figurative Language**

Learn how to decode idioms and other figurative language.

Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Test Your Understanding

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 10 points

LESSON 6: USING A THESAURUS**Study: Using a Thesaurus**

Learn how to effectively use a thesaurus.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Quiz: Assess Your Understanding

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 9 points

LESSON 7: VOCABULARY: LEARNING AND USING NEW WORDS WRAP-UP**Test (CS): Vocabulary: Learning and Using New Words**

Take a computer-scored test to assess what you have learned in this unit.

Duration: 0 hrs 50 mins Scoring: 50 points

UNIT 2: VOCABULARY: LEARNING ACADEMIC AND DOMAIN WORDS**LESSON 1: INTRODUCTION TO WORD ROOTS****Study: Building Vocabulary: Word Roots**

Learn about the importance of word roots and how they can be used to determine the meaning of unfamiliar words.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Quiz: Assess Your Understanding

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

LESSON 2: INTRODUCTION TO PREFIXES**Study: Building Vocabulary: Prefixes**

Learn about the importance of prefixes and how they can be used to determine the meaning of unfamiliar words.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Quiz: Assess Your Understanding

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

LESSON 3: INTRODUCTION TO SUFFIXES**Study: Building Vocabulary: Suffixes**

Learn about the importance of suffixes and how they can be used to determine the meaning of unfamiliar words.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Quiz: Assess Your Understanding

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

LESSON 4: LATIN ROOTS: PART I**Study: Latin Roots: Part I**

Learn 20 Latin roots that can help you decipher the meanings of numerous English vocabulary words.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Quiz: Assess Your Understanding

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

LESSON 5: LATIN ROOTS: PART II

Study: Latin Roots: Part II

Learn 20 Latin roots.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Quiz: Assess Your Understanding

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

LESSON 6: GREEK ROOTS: PART I

Study: Greek Roots: Part I

Learn 20 Greek roots that can help you decipher the meanings of numerous English vocabulary words.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Quiz: Assess Your Understanding

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

LESSON 7: GREEK ROOTS: PART II

Study: Greek Roots: Part II

Learn 20 Greek roots.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Quiz: Assess Your Understanding

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

LESSON 8: TECHNICAL VOCABULARY

Study: Technical Vocabulary

Practice vocabulary skills.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Quiz: Assess Your Understanding

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

LESSON 9: VOCABULARY: LEARNING ACADEMIC AND DOMAIN WORDS WRAP-UP

Test (CS): Vocabulary: Learning Academic and Domain Words

Take a computer-scored test to assess what you have learned in this unit.

Duration: 0 hrs 50 mins Scoring: 50 points

UNIT 3: READING: NON-FICTION

LESSON 1: READING AS A PROCESS

Study: Pre-Reading

Learn how the pre-reading process works.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Quiz: Assess Your Understanding

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

Study: Three Reading Process Strategies

Learn about effective highlighting, thinking with symbols, and the three question approach.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Quiz: Assess Your Understanding

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

LESSON 2: GAINING AND RETAINING INFORMATION**Study: Reading Comprehension: Scanning Key Points, Questioning, and Using Graphic Organizers**

Learn how to organize your thoughts and hold your thinking before, during, and after your reading by using the following strategies: scanning key points, questioning, and using graphic organizers.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Quiz: Assess Your Understanding

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

Study: Reading Comprehension: Identifying Facts and Opinions

Learn to identify facts and opinions. Complete an interactive, guided practice of new strategies.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Read: "The Aftermath" — *Time Magazine*

Apply strategies to independent reading.

Duration: 0 hrs 45 mins

Quiz: Assess Your Understanding

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

LESSON 3: INTRODUCTION TO STRATEGIES FOR READING NEWSPAPERS**Study: Reading Comprehension: 5 Ws, Synthesis, and Evaluation**

Learn to use the five Ws, synthesis, and evaluation to improve reading comprehension and ability to gain information.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Quiz: Assess Your Understanding

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

Study: Reading Comprehension: Identifying Argument Logic

Learn how to identify the logic of arguments. Complete an interactive, guided practice of new strategies.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Read: An Editorial from *The Times-Picayune*

Apply strategies to independent reading.

Duration: 0 hrs 45 mins

Quiz: Assess Your Understanding

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

LESSON 4: INTRODUCTION TO READING ESSAYS**Study: Reading Comprehension: Summarizing, Paraphrasing, and More**

Learn to use knowledge assessment, surveying, restating, and paraphrasing; to locate additional material; and to summarize to improve reading comprehension and gain information.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Quiz: Assess Your Understanding

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

Study: Reading Comprehension: Identifying Different Text Structures

Learn to identify different text structures. Complete an interactive, guided practice of new strategies.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Read: *Last Great Words of Great Men* by Mark Twain

Apply strategies to independent reading.

Duration: 0 hrs 45 mins

Quiz: Assess Your Understanding

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

LESSON 5: INTRODUCTION TO CHARTS AND GRAPHS

Study: Study Skills: Charts and Graphs

Learn how to read charts and graphs correctly. Learn to use charts and graphs as organizational tools to assist with your studying.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Quiz: Assess Your Understanding

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

LESSON 6: INTRODUCTION TO READING SCHOOL TEXTS

Study: Reading Comprehension: SR²

Learn how to use strategies to improve your reading comprehension and ability to gain information.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Quiz: Assess Your Understanding

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

Study: Reading Comprehension: Identifying Main Idea and Supporting Details

Learn to identify a text's main idea and supporting details. Complete an interactive, guided practice of new strategies.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Read: Textbook Page Reading

Apply strategies to independent reading.

Duration: 0 hrs 45 mins

Quiz: Assess Your Understanding

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

LESSON 7: INTRODUCTION TO DISCOVERING MEANING THROUGH DESIGN

Study: Media Literacy: The Impact of Design

Learn to dissect the design of a piece of visual media. Discover how design can enhance meaning.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Quiz: Assess Your Understanding

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

LESSON 8: INTRODUCTION TO EVALUATING SOURCES OF VISUAL MEDIA

Study: Media Literacy: Go to the Source

Learn to identify the source of a piece of visual media and its sponsor's possible biases.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Quiz: Assess Your Understanding

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

LESSON 9: INTRODUCTION TO COMPARING MEDIA**Study: Media Literacy: Comparing and Contrasting Media Coverage**

Learn to compare, contrast, and critique various media coverage of the same event.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Quiz: Assess Your Understanding

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

LESSON 10: INTRODUCTION TO CULTURE IN MEDIA**Study: Media Literacy: Culture in Media**

Learn to identify the cultural influences and design decisions that reflect cultural bias in media.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Quiz: Assess Your Understanding

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

LESSON 11: READING NON-FICTION WRAP-UP**Test (CS): Reading Non-Fiction**

Take a computer-scored test to assess what you have learned in this unit.

Duration: 0 hrs 50 mins Scoring: 50 points

UNIT 4: READING: KEY IDEAS AND DETAILS**LESSON 1: MAIN IDEA****Study: Main Idea**

Learn how to identify the main idea in a passage of text, and learn to defend your answer using the text.

Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Test Your Understanding

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 10 points

Checkup: Check Your Knowledge

Check your understanding of the skills from the study and get instant feedback.

Duration: 0 hrs 35 mins Scoring: 0 points

Practice: Main Idea

Practice your new skills from the study and get instant feedback.

Duration: 0 hrs 35 mins Scoring: 20 points

Quiz: Test Your Understanding

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 10 points

LESSON 2: CONNECTIONS ACROSS TEXTS**Study: Connections Across Texts**

Learn to make connections in and draw conclusions from a text, and find strong support for these conclusions and connections in the text itself.

Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Test Your Understanding

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 10 points

Checkup: Check Your Knowledge

Check your understanding of the skills from the study and get instant feedback.

Duration: 0 hrs 35 mins Scoring: 0 points

Practice: Connections Across Texts

Practice your new skills from the study and get instant feedback.

Duration: 0 hrs 35 mins Scoring: 20 points

Quiz: Test Your Understanding

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 10 points

LESSON 3: RALPH WALDO EMERSON AND *SELF-RELIANCE***Study: Reading *Self-Reliance***

Learn about Ralph Waldo Emerson and explore the philosophical foundation of *Self-Reliance*.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Quiz: Comprehending the Study

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

Study: Vocabulary and Key Terms

Learn and review vocabulary words that relate to the reading assignment.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Read: *Self-Reliance*

Read Emerson's essay *Self-Reliance*.

Duration: 1 hr

Quiz: Comprehending the Reading

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

LESSON 4: READING: KEY IDEAS AND DETAILS WRAP-UP**Test (CS): Reading: Key Ideas and Details**

Take a computer-scored test to assess what you have learned in this unit.

Duration: 0 hrs 50 mins Scoring: 50 points

UNIT 5: READING: TEXT STRUCTURE**LESSON 1: TYPES OF NONFICTION****Study: Types of Nonfiction**

Define *nonfiction* and learn about types of nonfiction.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Quiz: Comprehending the Study

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

LESSON 2: PERSONAL ESSAYS AND LETTERS**Study: Voices in Primary Sources**

Learn to recognize and evaluate different voices and points of view in primary sources.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Quiz: Comprehending the Study

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

Study: Vocabulary for Personal Essays and Letters

Study vocabulary words in context and read personal essays and letters.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Read: Personal Essays and Letters

Read A. A. Milne's "A Word for Autumn."

Duration: 1 hr

Quiz: Comprehending the Readings

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

LESSON 3: BIOGRAPHIES AND INTERVIEWS

Study: Interpreting a Life

Explore an overview of the history and the different types of biographies.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Quiz: Comprehending the Study

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

Study: Vocabulary for Biographies and Interviews

Learn new vocabulary using context clues.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Read: Reading Biographies

Read pieces on two women: a modern athlete and an ancient mathematician.

Duration: 1 hr

Quiz: Comprehending the Readings

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

LESSON 4: OPINION AND EDITORIAL ESSAYS

Study: Op-Ed Writing

Learn to distinguish between fact and opinion. Explore the ABCs of op-ed writing.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Quiz: Comprehending the Study

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

Study: Common Terms in Modern Op-Ed Pieces

Learn new words from context clues.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Read: When Believing Isn't Seeing

Read an op-ed piece by a Pulitzer Prize-winning editorial writer.

Duration: 0 hrs 45 mins

Quiz: Comprehending the Reading

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

LESSON 5: READING: TEXT STRUCTURE WRAP-UP

Test (CS): Reading: Text Structure

Take a computer-scored test to assess what you have learned in this unit.

Duration: 0 hrs 50 mins Scoring: 50 points

UNIT 6: READING: INTEGRATING KNOWLEDGE AND IDEAS

LESSON 1: INTRODUCTION TO THE ART OF PERSUASION

Study: Tools of Persuasion

Learn about the art of rhetoric, including persuasive speaking and writing.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Quiz: Comprehending the Study

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

LESSON 2: HISTORICAL SPEECHES

Study: Voices of Leadership

Study famous speeches to learn the tools of persuasive speaking.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Quiz: Comprehending the Study

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

Study: Vocabulary for Persuasive Speeches

Learn new words from context clues.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Read: Three Famous Speeches

Read three historic speeches.

Duration: 0 hrs 45 mins

Quiz: Comprehending the Readings

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

LESSON 3: INTRODUCTION: HISTORICAL AND LITERARY CONTEXT

Study: Historical and Literary Context

Explore the historical and literary context of this unit's reading materials.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Quiz: Comprehending the Study

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

LESSON 4: THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE

Study: Documenting Independence

Read documents from America's precolonial and colonial eras to learn skills for reading and interpreting historical documents.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Quiz: Comprehending the Study

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

Study: Vocabulary and Key Terms

Learn and review vocabulary words that relate to the reading assignment.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Quiz: Comprehending the Reading

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

Study: Responses to Authority

Trace the evolution of responses to authority in precolonial and colonial writing.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Quiz: Comprehending the Study

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

LESSON 5: CONSTITUTIONS

Study: Constitutions and the Rules of Independence

Learn about why constitutions are necessary and who drafts them. Learn about the history of the two documents you will read in this unit.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Quiz: Comprehending the Study

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

Study: Vocabulary and Key Terms

Learn and review vocabulary words that relate to the reading assignment.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Read: The U.S. Constitution

Read the U.S. Constitution.

Duration: 1 hr

Quiz: Comprehending the Reading

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

Study: Writing Workshop: The Analysis Essay

Learn about the characteristics of the analytical essay.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Quiz: Comprehending the Study

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

Practice: Analysis Essay: Independence and Constitutions

Using the documents you have read in this unit, write a brief essay analyzing the relationship between independence and constitutions.

Duration: 1 hr 30 mins Scoring: 50 points

LESSON 6: READING: INTEGRATING KNOWLEDGE AND IDEAS WRAP-UP

Test (CS): Reading: Integrating Knowledge and Ideas

Take a computer-scored test to assess what you have learned in this unit.

Duration: 0 hrs 50 mins Scoring: 50 points

UNIT 7: SEMESTER I EXAM

LESSON 1: SEMESTER WRAP-UP

Exam: Semester I Exam

Take a computer-scored exam to demonstrate your mastery of concepts and skills covered in this semester.

Duration: 1 hr 20 mins Scoring: 200 points

UNIT 8: LANGUAGE ARTS SKILLS: MECHANICS

LESSON 1: INTRODUCTION TO SPELLING STRATEGIES

Study: Building Vocabulary: Spelling Strategies

Learn how to use spelling strategies to help with spelling, pronunciation, and meaning of known and unknown words.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Quiz: Assess Your Understanding

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

LESSON 2: HOMOPHONES AND HOMOGRAPHS**Study: Homophones and Homographs**

Learn and practice some new words.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Quiz: Assess Your Understanding

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

LESSON 3: GRAMMAR: MECHANICS**Study: Mechanics**

Review and hone your skills with regard to spelling, capitalization, abbreviation, and italics.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Quiz: Assess Your Understanding

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of punctuation and mechanics.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

LESSON 4: PUNCTUATION**Study: Punctuation I**

Review parts of sentences and the rules for effective sentence construction.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Quiz: Assess your Understanding

Take a quiz to check your understanding of punctuation essentials.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

Study: Punctuation II

Further explore punctuation in writing to ensure clarity of meaning.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Quiz: Assess Your Understanding

Take a Quiz to check your understanding of punctuation essentials

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

LESSON 5: RUN-ON SENTENCES AND CAPITALIZATION**Study: Run-on Sentences and Capitalization**

Learn to identify and fix run-on sentences and common errors in capitalization.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Quiz: Assess Your Understanding

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

LESSON 6: SENTENCE FRAGMENT S**Study: Sentence Fragments**

Learn how to recognize and fix sentence fragments.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Quiz: Assess Your Understanding

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 7 points

LESSON 7: LANGUAGE ARTS SKILLS: MECHANICS WRAP-UP

Test (CS): Language Arts Skills: Mechanics

Take a computer-scored test to assess what you have learned in this unit.

Duration: 0 hrs 50 mins Scoring: 50 points

UNIT 9: LANGUAGE ARTS SKILLS: GRAMMAR AND USAGE

LESSON 1: GRAMMAR: PARTS OF SPEECH

Study: Parts of Speech

Review grammar fundamentals and learn how to identify and construct sentences and clauses.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Quiz: Assess Your Understanding

Take a quiz to check your understanding of parts of speech.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

LESSON 2: GRAMMAR: PARTS OF SENTENCES

Study: Parts of Sentences

Review subjects, verbs, objects, and complements; deepen your knowledge of word groups.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Quiz: Assess Your Understanding

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of parts of sentences.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

LESSON 3: GRAMMAR: VERBS

Study: Verbs

Review standard subject-verb combinations and develop your understanding of more complex agreement scenarios. Learn about irregular verbs, verb endings, tense, and mood.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Quiz: Assess Your Understanding

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of subject-verb agreement and verb usage.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

LESSON 4: GRAMMAR: VERB TENSE

Study: Verb Tense

Learn about consistency of verb tense.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Quiz: Assess Your Understanding

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 8 points

LESSON 5: GRAMMAR REVIEW

Study: Language Review: Verbs and Verbals

Review skills necessary for handling verbs and their derivatives.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Quiz: Assess Your Understanding

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 8 points

LESSON 6: GRAMMAR: PRONOUNS

Study: Pronouns

Practice control of pronoun-antecedent agreement, pronoun reference, and pronoun case.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Quiz: Assess Your Understanding

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of pronouns.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

LESSON 7: GRAMMAR: UNCLEAR PRONOUNS

Study: Grammar: Unclear Pronouns

Learn more about using pronouns.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Quiz: Assess Your Understanding

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 8 points

LESSON 8: GRAMMAR: ADJECTIVES AND ADVERBS

Study: Adjectives and Adverbs

Use adverbs and adjectives wisely and well; navigate superlatives, comparatives, and double negatives.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Quiz: Assess Your Understanding

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of adjectives and adverbs.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

LESSON 9: GRAMMAR: MODIFIERS

Study: Modifiers

Troubleshoot issues with modifiers, such as misplaced phrases and clauses, awkwardly placed modifiers, dangling modifiers, and split infinitives.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Quiz: Assess Your Understanding

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of modifiers.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

LESSON 10: GRAMMAR: CLAUSES

Study: Grammar: Clauses

Learn about main and subordinate clauses and how they are used in simple, compound, and complex sentences. Learn about coordination and subordination. Discover ways to enhance your personal writing style through sentence variety.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Quiz: Assess Your Understanding

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

LESSON 11: GRAMMAR: PARALLEL STRUCTURE

Study: Grammar: Parallel Structure

Learn how to achieve parallel structure in your writing.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Quiz: Assess Your Understanding

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

LESSON 12: LANGUAGE ARTS SKILLS: GRAMMAR AND USAGE WRAP-UP

Test (CS): Language Arts Skills: Grammar and Usage

Take a computer-scored test to assess what you have learned in this unit.

Duration: 0 hrs 50 mins Scoring: 50 points

UNIT 10: WRITING: ESSENTIALS

LESSON 1: PURPOSE AND AUDIENCE

Study: Learn the Skills

Learn how to shift your writing because of purpose and audience.

Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Test Your Understanding

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 10 points

Checkup: Check Your Knowledge

Check your understanding of the skills from the study and get instant feedback.

Duration: 0 hrs 35 mins Scoring: 0 points

Practice: Purpose and Audience

Practice your new skills from the study and get instant feedback.

Duration: 0 hrs 35 mins Scoring: 20 points

Quiz: Test Your Understanding

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 10 points

LESSON 2: ESSAY ESSENTIALS**Study: Essay Essentials I**

Learn about the basic structure of an essay.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Study: Essay Essentials II

Learn about essay development and support.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Quiz: Assess Your Understanding

Take a quiz to check your understanding of essay development and support.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

LESSON 3: STYLE: MAKING LANGUAGE MORE EXACT**Study: Making Language More Exact**

Learn how to substitute passive and "to be" verbs with active alternatives; consider the impact of concrete nouns on the clarity of your prose.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Quiz: Assess Your Understanding

Take a quiz to check your understanding of active verbs and exact language.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

LESSON 4: STYLE: CONCISION AND PRECISION**Study: Concision and Precision**

Learn to battle wordiness in your writing and to create crisp, tightly constructed prose.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Quiz: Assess Your Understanding

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of concision and precision.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

LESSON 5: STYLE: PARALLELISM IN SENTENCE STYLE**Study: Parallelism in Sentence Style**

Learn to maintain clarity in your writing by controlling paired ideas, repeated words, and items in a series.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Quiz: Assess Your Understanding

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of parallelism.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

LESSON 6: STYLE: APPROPRIATE LANGUAGE

Study: Appropriate Language

Learn to control jargon, pretentious language, slang, and other forms of language that have the potential to offend or exclude.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Quiz: Assess Your Understanding

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of appropriate language.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

LESSON 7: STYLE: SENTENCE EMPHASIS AND VARIETY

Study: Sentence Emphasis and Variety

Learn about coordinating and subordinating ideas and to eliminate choppy sentences from your writing.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Quiz: Assess Your Understanding

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of sentence emphasis and variety.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

LESSON 8: STYLE: FIGURATIVE LANGUAGE

Study: Figurative Language

Learn to adopt originality in figurative language and to avoid clichés.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Quiz: Assess Your Understanding

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of figurative language.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

LESSON 9: STYLE: DENOTATIVE AND CONNOTATIVE LANGUAGE

Study: Denotative and Connotative Language

Learn to compress meaning through connotative language; use an online dictionary and thesaurus to improve diction and style.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Quiz: Assess Your Understanding

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of denotative and connotative language.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

LESSON 10: STYLE: TONE, FORMALITY, AND INFORMALITY

Study: Tone, Formality, and Informality

Learn to manage tone and adopt appropriate levels of formality in your writing.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Quiz: Assess Your Understanding

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of tone, formality, and informality.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

LESSON 11: WRITING: ESSENTIALS WRAP-UP

Test (CS): Writing: Essentials

Take a computer-scored test to assess what you have learned in this unit.

Duration: 0 hrs 50 mins Scoring: 50 points

UNIT 11: WRITING: NARRATIVE

LESSON 1: GET EXCITED ABOUT WRITING!

Study: Wake Up Your Senses: Vivid Detail

Observe the way details "wake up" written descriptions, especially when they focus on the experience of our senses.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Understanding the Study

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 10 points

Journal: The Spy's Notebook: Observations in the Senses

Write details using observations from all five senses for possible later use in stories or poetry. (Optional: Take it one step further and use your most compelling observations to write a paragraph or poem.)

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 20 points

LESSON 2: WHO ARE YOU ANYWAY? DEVELOPING A CHARACTER

Study: Diving into Fiction: Characters and How Writers Read

Explore the use of character in fiction and observe reading methods that can sharpen your own writing technique.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Understanding the Study

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 10 points

Read: Getting to Know You: Characters in Prose

Observe and explore descriptions of characters in prose writing through guided close reading.

Duration: 0 hrs 45 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Understanding the Reading

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 10 points

Study: Characters Inside and Out

Explore ways to create interesting characters using details, direct and indirect characterization, and suggested motivation.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Understanding the Study

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 10 points

Practice: Character Sketch

Create a character using details, direct and indirect characterization, and suggested motivation.

Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 25 points

LESSON 3: WHO'S ON FIRST? ESTABLISHING A POINT OF VIEW

Study: First, Second, and Third Person

Explore the craft tools of first-, second-, and third-person point of view.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Understanding the Study

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 10 points

Study: Omniscient, Limited, and Stream-of-Consciousness Narration

Explore omniscient, limited, and stream-of-consciousness narration.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Understanding the Study

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 10 points

Read: Can I Read Your Mind? Narrative Perspective in Prose Writing

Observe and explore the use of point of view and narrative perspective in prose writing through guided close reading.

Duration: 0 hrs 45 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Understanding the Reading

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 10 points

LESSON 4: STABLE AND SHIFTING VANTAGE POINTS

Study: Stable and Shifting Vantage Points: Psychic Distance

Explore the ways in which psychic distance (linguistic register) infers tone in writing.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Understanding the Study

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 10 points

Study: You Can Count on Me!

Explore the use of unreliable and reliable narrators in fiction.

Duration: 0 hrs 30 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Understanding the Study

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 10 points

Practice: Short Scene with Character and POV

Create your own scene using character and active choices about point of view and narrative perspective.

Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 40 points

LESSON 5: WRITING: NARRATIVE WRAP-UP

Test (CS): Writing: Narrative

Take a computer-scored test to assess what you have learned in this unit.

Duration: 0 hrs 50 mins Scoring: 50 points

UNIT 12: WRITING: INFORMATIVE AND EXPLANATORY TEXT

LESSON 1: COMPOSITION: EXAMPLE AND ILLUSTRATION PARAGRAPHS

Study: Writing Example Paragraphs

Identify the structure of an example paragraph; practice composing paragraphs correctly.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Quiz: Assess Your Understanding

Take a quiz to check your understanding of example forms of composition.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

Study: Writing Illustration Paragraphs

Identify the structure of an illustration paragraph; practice composing paragraphs correctly.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Quiz: Assess Your Understanding

Take a quiz to check your understanding of illustration forms of composition.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

LESSON 2: COMPOSITION: PROCESS AND CAUSE-AND-EFFECT PARAGRAPHS

Study: Writing Process Paragraphs

Consider a process that needs explaining; practice the fundamentals of writing about a process.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Quiz: Assess Your Understanding

Take a quiz to check your understanding of process paragraphs.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

Study: Writing Cause-and-Effect Paragraphs

Understand the structure of cause-and-effect writing and practice composing.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Quiz: Assess Your Understanding

Take a quiz to check your understanding of process and cause-and-effect paragraphs.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

LESSON 3: WRITING PRACTICE

Practice: Submit Your Composition

Write and submit a process or cause-and-effect paragraph.

Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 50 points

LESSON 4: COMPOSITION: DESCRIPTION AND CLASSIFICATION/DIVISION PARAGRAPHS

Study: Writing Description Paragraphs

Improve your ability to write effective descriptions.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Quiz: Assess Your Understanding

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of description paragraphs.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

Study: Writing Classification and Division Paragraphs

Review the structure of both classification and division paragraphs; practice composing them on your own.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Quiz: Assess Your Understanding

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of classification and division paragraphs.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

LESSON 5: WRITING PRACTICE

Practice: Submit Your Composition

Write and submit a description or classification/division paragraph.

Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 50 points

LESSON 6: COMPOSITION: WRITING ABOUT A PROCESS

Study: Writing About a Process

Learn how to write a process essay.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Quiz: Comprehending the Study

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 15 mins Scoring: 10 points

LESSON 7: COMPOSITION: COMPARE-AND-CONTRAST ESSAYS

Study: Writing Compare-and-Contrast Essays

Learn different ways of organizing compare-and-contrast essays.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Quiz: Assess Your Understanding

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the structure of compare-and-contrast writing.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

Study: Practice Writing Compare-and-Contrast Essays

Practice developing paragraphs in a compare-and-contrast essay.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

LESSON 8: WRITING PRACTICE

Practice: Submit Your Composition

Write and submit a compare-and-contrast essay.

Duration: 1 hr 30 mins Scoring: 100 points

LESSON 9: WRITING: INFORMAT IVE AND EXPLANAT ORY T EXT WRAP-UP

Test (CS): Writing: Informative and Explanatory Text

Take a computer-scored test to assess what you have learned in this unit.

Duration: 0 hrs 50 mins Scoring: 50 points

UNIT 13: WRITING: PERSUASIVE

LESSON 1: COMPOSITION: PERSUASIVE WRITING ESSAYS

Study: Writing Persuasive Essays

Learn about the hallmarks of effective persuasive writing.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Quiz: Assess Your Understanding

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of persuasive writing.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

Study: Practice Writing Persuasive Essays

Practice techniques for persuasive writing; learn to develop a persuasive essay.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

LESSON 2: WRITING PRACTICE

Practice: Submit Your Composition

Write and submit a persuasive essay.

Duration: 1 hr 30 mins Scoring: 100 points

LESSON 3: OPINIONS AND SPEECHES

Study: Writing Workshop: Op-Ed and Speeches

Learn the basics of writing an op-ed piece and a persuasive speech, and learn the similarities between the two.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins Scoring: 0 points

Quiz: Writing Workshop: Op-Ed and Speeches

Take a quiz to check your understanding of what you have learned.

Duration: 0 hrs 10 mins Scoring: 10 points

Practice: Stating Your Opinion

Write an op-ed or a speech based on what you have learned.

Duration: 1 hr Scoring: 50 points

LESSON 4: WRITING: PERSUASIVE WRAP-UP

Test (CS): Writing: Persuasive

Take a computer-scored test to assess what you have learned in this unit.

Duration: 0 hrs 50 mins Scoring: 50 points

UNIT 14: WRITING: OTHER TYPES

LESSON 1: COMPOSITION: WRITING ESSAYS ABOUT LITERATURE

Study: Responding to Literature Prompts

Learn question/prompt analysis techniques, as well as tried-and-true methods for writing thesis and topic-sentence architecture on literature-based essay questions.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Quiz: Assess Your Understanding

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of how to respond to literature-based prompts.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

Study: Structuring and Developing a Literary Analysis

Practice paragraph development and sustained analysis of a literary passage; review techniques for summarizing and paraphrasing literature.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

LESSON 2: WRITING PRACTICE

Practice: Submit Your Composition

Write and submit an essay about a work of literature.

Duration: 1 hr 30 mins Scoring: 100 points

LESSON 3: COMPOSITION: LETTERS AND MEMOS

Study: Writing a Business Letter and Memo

Learn formats for different types of business correspondence.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Quiz: Assess Your Understanding

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of business correspondence.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

Study: Using E-mail in a Business Environment

Examine the role of e-mail in the workplace; practice effective and appropriate written communication using e-mail.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

LESSON 4: WRITING PRACTICE

Practice: Submit Your Composition

Write and submit an example of business correspondence.

Duration: 1 hr 30 mins Scoring: 100 points

LESSON 5: BIOGRAPHIES AND INTERVIEWS

Study: Writing Workshop

Learn the basics of researching someone's life and writing a biography.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Quiz: Comprehending the Study

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

LESSON 6: TECHNICAL WRITING

Study: Understanding Technical Manuals

Learn strategies for reading technical manuals.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Project: Write a Manual

Write a manual for use by other students. The topic of your manual can be conflict resolution in school or in the workplace, how to run an effective meeting, or how to submit a page for a yearbook (or any other process with which you have some basic understanding and experience). Design a manual's cover, plan its scope, and design its format.

Duration: 2 hrs

LESSON 7: WRITING: OTHER TYPES WRAP-UP

Test (CS): Writing: Other Types

Take a computer-scored test to assess what you have learned in this unit.

Duration: 0 hrs 50 mins Scoring: 50 points

UNIT 15: WRITING: RESEARCH

LESSON 1: INTRODUCTION: RESEARCH ESSAY

Study: Introduction to the Research Essay

Learn about the fundamental characteristics and functions of the research essay.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Quiz: Comprehending the Study

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 10 mins Scoring: 10 points

Study: Asking and Refining Questions

Think about how to refine and ask questions to use as the basis of your research.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Quiz: Comprehending the Study

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 10 mins Scoring: 10 points

LESSON 2: THE RESEARCH PROCESS, PART I

Study: Finding, Evaluating, and Interpreting Source Material

Learn to find, evaluate, and interpret sources in order to answer your research questions.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Quiz: Comprehending the Study

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

Study: Compiling and Organizing Information

Learn how to make sense of the information that you gather in the research process.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Quiz: Comprehending the Study

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

Study: Writing Workshop: Writing an Outline

Write an outline for your research essay.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Quiz: Comprehending the Study

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

Practice: Research Outline

Submit your outline.

Duration: 1 hr 30 mins Scoring: 50 points

LESSON 3: THE RESEARCH PROCESS, PART II

Study: Synthesizing and Drawing Conclusions

Think about how to use the information you have gathered to answer your research questions.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Quiz: Comprehending the Study

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

Study: Documentation

Learn how to document your sources in bibliographies and works-cited lists.

Duration: 0 hrs 40 mins

Quiz: Comprehending the Study

Take a quiz to assess your understanding of the material.

Duration: 0 hrs 20 mins Scoring: 10 points

LESSON 4: WRITING: RESEARCH WRAP-UP

Test (CS): Writing: Research

Take a computer-scored test to assess what you have learned in this unit.

Duration: 0 hrs 50 mins Scoring: 50 points

UNIT 16: SEMESTER II EXAM

LESSON 1: SEMESTER WRAP-UP

Exam: Semester II Exam

Take a computer-scored exam to demonstrate your mastery of concepts and skills covered in this semester.

Duration: 1 hr 20 mins Scoring: 200 points